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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(d), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after a Final Office Action and is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified under § 1.17(p) and a statement as specified under § 1.97(e).

Copies of the listed foreign patent documents and English translations thereof are attached.

Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a Japanese Office Action, issued July 7, 2009, from the Japanese Patent Office in a

counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-317048, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of the Japanese Office Action.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Respectfully submitted,

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